

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, the specification and claims 1, 10 and 11 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification at page 5, paragraph 4 to indicate the second air duct "61". The amendment has been made to overcome the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicants have amended the specification at page 4, paragraph 3 to insert the subject matter from original claim 8. Applicants have also amended the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS to include a description of Figs. 6 and 7. The specification has been amended at paragraph 3, page 4, paragraph 4, page 5 to provide a detailed description of Figs. 6 and 7. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner states that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Examiner states that the subject matter recited in claims 3 and 8 must be shown or the features canceled from the claims.

Applicants submit new Figs. 6 and 7 which show the features of claims. Applicants have amended Fig. 3 to depict first air duct 61 and second air duct 44. No new matter has been added and Applicants respectfully request that new figures 6 and 7 and the replacement Fig. 3 be entered. The prior version of Fig. 3 is included.

Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Specification

The disclosure stands objected to because claim 8 recites the inner wicking layer extending through the air duct in intervals of about four feet, however there is no support in the specification for this feature.

Applicants have amended paragraph 3, at page 4 to recite this feature. Further, Fig. 7 shows the inner wicking layer extending through the air duct in intervals of about four feet.

Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 10 stand objected to because claim 1 recites “a taper layer” and recites “the seam” without proper antecedent basis. The Examiner states that “herein” should be changed to “wherein” and there should be a period at the end of claim 11.

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out these errors. Claims 1, 10 and 11 have been amended to comply with the Examiner’s suggestions. Applicants respectfully request that the objections to claims 1, 10 and 11 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-14 are in condition or allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants’ undersigned agent at (740) 321-7213 if any unresolved matters remain.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the number listed below.

Applicants authorize any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account 50-0568.

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